



Wayne State University & Karmanos Cancer Institute

2018 Community-Engaged Research Symposium

Monday, February 5, 2018

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND CANCER

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death in the United States and cancer is the second, with higher rates of diagnosis and death in the metropolitan Detroit area compared to the state of the Michigan and the nation. Furthermore, diagnoses and deaths from these diseases are higher among African Americans compared to other racial and ethnic groups.

Academic research has played a critical role in reducing the burden these diseases cause in diverse populations. However, CVD and cancer remain intractable public health problems – an occurrence that may be attributable to inadequate consideration of biosocial factors. Syndemics provides a conceptual model of how diseases and biosocial influences interact to synergistically enhance risk for a given population. African Americans have historically struggled with structural and interpersonal racism, and disproportionately live in stressful and adverse conditions linked to racial group membership including poverty, violence, stigmatization, and discrimination. Unfortunately, the approach to addressing these problems has typically been “top-down” and, often, decisions about specific research questions, methods, and assessments are often made without substantial input from the communities that are the focus of such research.

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH

Community-Engaged Research (CEnR) is a process in which academic researchers work collaboratively with community members to identify and address issues affecting well-being in communities. CEnR has been endorsed and recommended by many but applied by relatively few. This one-day symposium will provide opportunities to learn about and discuss the benefits gained from CEnR, as well as challenges and strategies for conducting CEnR successfully. This meeting will also be an opportunity to learn from and network with community members who have identified research priorities for their communities. Topics that will be addressed will include the following:

- How does community engagement contribute to stronger science?
- What are successful models of community-engaged scholarship that academic researchers can follow?
- How can academic institutions support community-engaged scholarship among faculty?
- How does industry view the role of community members in clinical trials?
- What are the CVD and cancer-related research priorities within local Detroit communities?
- What kinds of local opportunities are there for community-engaged research related to cancer and CVD?

THIS IS A FREE EVENT, BUT SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE USE OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS & STAKEHOLDERS, AS WELL AS ACADEMICS & RESEARCHERS.



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